CONSTITUTIONS

Of the Benevolent

SOCIETY,

FOR THE

Improvement of Chyrurgery, &c.

I. THIS Society shall consist of *Residents* and *Travellers*.

II. There shall none be admitted but *Chyrurgeons*, who shall be approved by the President, and Four Residing-Members at least, and they not to be Registred till their Second Attendance; and when Registred to pay *One Shilling*.

III. At the Expiration of half an Hour, the Minutes of the foregoing Day shall be Read, and during that Sitting, nothing be Treated of but what is Essential to the Society, and that to be Gravely Debated by one Voice at a Time.

IV. For the Benefit and Improvement of the Society, there shall be Readings on Various Subjects by the Residing-Members.

V. The Travelling-Members are advis'd to keep Punctual Journals of their Observations, especially Chyrurgical; which being Communicated to the Society, shall be Registred with the Authors Names.

VI. A Scheme of Observations may be given by way of Instruction to any Travelling-Member, adapted to the Climate, *&c.* they Intend for.

VII. Every Travelling-Member is desired to Establish a Correspondence abroad with qualified Persons, whom we shall Entitle *Corresponding-Members*.

VIII. Such Corresponding-Members shall be apply'd too by the Society, according to the Circumstances of Time, Place, *&c.*

IX. Such Journals and Rarities as are presented to the Society, shall be Reposited at their Place of Meeting, and not to be Transferr'd from thence without their Consent.

X. Any Members afflicted with Sickness, may (if desired) have the Advice of the Society, and Medicines *Gratis*; or if any are taken by Foreign Enemies, or Shipwrack'd, they shall receive such an Exhibition from the Fund of the Society as shall be thought Convenient.

XI. If any Member Travels without taking Leave of the Society, either Personally or by way of Letter, shall be Excluded the aforesaid Benevolence, and likewise pay *Five Shillings* for his Re-admittance.

XII. Every Travelling-Member that does not make his Personal Appearance in the Society within Twenty Days after his Arrival, is Subject to the same Penalties.

XIII. No Member shall dare to Expose any of the Society for Errors or Imperfections in Discourse, Practice or Journals delivered in the Society, under Penalty of Expulsion.

XIV. All Laws that are made, shall have the Consent of two Thirds of the Members present, the least Number being Nine, the *President*, or *Vice-President* being present.

XV. A Catalogue and Collection may be made of useful Books, Instruments, *&c.* which may be perus'd by any Member at the Hours of Meeting.

XVI. Every Member shall pay Quarterly *One Shilling*, and for Non-Appearance the first Meeting-day of each Month *Six Pence*: Sickness or out of Town excepted.

XVII. The Forfitures and quarterly Contributions shall be put into the Common-Stock, which shall be manag'd at the Discretion of the Society.

XVIII. The Place of Meeting shall be near the *Royal-Exchange*, and not be altered without the Approbation of the Society.

XIX. The Days of Meeting to be *Tuesdays* and *Frydays*; and the Time from Two to Four.

XX. To have an Annual Feast on *Lady-day*, when Four of the Residing-Members shall be elected Officers, viz. *Præses*, *Treasurer*, *Register* and *Conservator* of the Rarities.

XXI. These Orders shall be Read by one of the Officers on the First Meeting-day of every Month, and also at the Entry of every New Member.

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